

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**  
**ABSTRACT**

Energy Department – Notification for requirement of Aadhaar authentication of beneficiaries under the Gruha Jyoti scheme as per Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 ( as amended by the Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Act 2019) – Notification – Orders – Issued.

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ENERGY (POWER.I) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Ms.No. 6**

**Dated: 16-02-2024**

Read:-

UIDAI circular No.1-1/2019-UIDAI (DBT) dt. 25.11.2019.

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**ORDER:**

The following notification will be published in the extra-ordinary issue of Telangana State Gazette, Dated.17.02.2024.

**NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, the use of Aadhaar as an identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly in a convenient and seamless manner by obviating the need to produce multiple documents to prove one's identity;

2. And whereas, the Energy Department (*hereinafter referred to as the Department*), is administering the GRUHA JYOTHI scheme (*hereinafter referred to as the Scheme*) providing free electricity upto 200 units for domestic household in Telangana, which is being implemented through (Telangana State Distribution companies (TSDISCOMs) (*hereinafter referred to as the Implementing agency*);

3. And whereas, under the free electricity scheme, upto 200 units for domestic household in Telangana (herein referred to as benefit) is given to the eligible residents of Telangana (hereafter referred to as beneficiaries), by the implementing agency as per the extant scheme guidelines issued by the State Government from time to time in the matter.

4. And whereas, the Scheme involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of Telangana State.

5 Now, therefore, in pursuance of Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) and Other Laws (Amendment) Act 2019, the Government of Telangana State hereby notifies the following, namely:-

- (1) An individual desirous of availing the benefit under the scheme shall hereby be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.
- (2) Any individual desirous of availing the benefit under the Scheme, who does not possess the Aadhaar number or, as has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, shall be required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment before registering for the scheme provided that he is entitled to obtain aadhaar as per section 3 of the said act, at any Aadhaar enrolment centre (list available at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website [www.uidai.gov.in](http://www.uidai.gov.in)) to get enrolled for Aadhaar.

- (3) As per Regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Department through its Implementing Agency, is required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case there is no Aadhaar enrolment centre located in the respective Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or by becoming a UIDAI Registrar themselves;

Provided that till the time Aadhaar is assigned to the individual, benefits under the scheme shall be given to such individual, subject to the production of the following documents namely:-

- (a) if he/she has enrolled, his/her Aadhaar Enrolment Identification Slip and any
- (b) any one of the following documents, namely.
  - (i) Bank or Post office passbook with photo; or
  - (ii) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card; or
  - (iii) Passport; or
  - (iv) Ration Card; or
  - (v) Voter Identity Card; or
  - (vi) MGNREGA card, or
  - (vii) Kisan Photo passbook, or
  - (viii) Driving license issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (S9 of 19BB); or
  - (ix) certificate of identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tehsildar on an official letter head; or
  - (x) any other document as specified by the Department

Provided further that the above documents may be checked by an officer specifically designated by the Department for that purpose.

6. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Scheme conveniently, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall make all the required arrangements to ensure that wide publicity through media shall be given to the beneficiaries to make them aware of the requirement of Aadhaar under the Scheme.

7. In all cases, where Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries or due to any other reason, the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted, namely:-

- (a) in case of poor fingerprint quality, iris scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication, thereby the Department through its Implementing Agency shall make provisions for iris scanners or face authentication along with finger-print authentication for delivery of benefits in seamless manner;
- (b) in case the biometric authentication through fingerprints or iris scan or face authentication is not successful, wherever feasible and admissible authentication by Aadhaar one Time password or Time\_based oneTime Password with limited time validity, as the case may be, shall be offered;

(c) in all other cases where biometric or Aadhaar one Time password or Time based one-Time password authentication is not possible, benefits under the Scheme may be given on the basis of physical Aadhaar letter whose authenticity can be verified through the quick Response (QR) code printed on the Aadhaar letter and the necessary arrangement of QR code reader shall be provided at the convenient relocations by the Department through its Implementing Agency.

8. In addition to the above for the purpose of ensuring that no bona fide beneficiary under the Scheme is deprived of his/her due benefits, under the said scheme, the Department in the State Government shall follow the instructions issued from time to time by the Government of India through its implementing agency.

9. This notification shall come into effect on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner, Stationary and Printing,  
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in the extraordinary issue of Telangana)

All the District Collectors.

The Chairman & Managing Director, TSTRANSCO/ TSGNECO, Hyderabad.

The Chairman & Managing Director, TSSPDCL/ TSNPDCL, Hyderabad/Warangal.

The Secretary, TSERC, Hyderabad.

The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, TSREDCO, Hyderabad.

The Civil Supplies, Department.

The Commissioner, Civil Supplies, Hyderabad.

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